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1. The steel plant at T'angshan (118-11/39-38) is the chief steel-producing plant in North China.<sup>1</sup> The site is between Sanli (0005/6849) village and Shuangch'a (3642/0998), in the suburban area of T'angshan, and covers more than 30 Chinese acres of ground.<sup>2</sup> The plant has expanded greatly in the past two years, and in June 1952 employed about 7,000 workers.
2. The superintendent of the plant is CHOU Hsiang-shan (0719/4382/1472), who was assigned this position by the iron and steel section of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. The head of the steel production department is CHI Hsing-po (1323/2502/3134), the head of the steel rolling department is YANG K'ai (2799/0418), the head of the steel refining technological department is a Soviet, Pi-te-wa-fu (1764/1779/3907/1133), the head of the workmen's supervision department is CHANG Ming-fan (1728/2494/1581), and the head of the workmen's welfare section is usually a worker elected by the workmen.
3. In 1950 Soviet advisers and technicians were assigned to work in the various departments of the plant. In June 1952 forty-six Soviet advisers were working there. All the machinery in the plant is from the USSR.
4. Employees work in nine-hour shifts. Many of them are afflicted with scurvy and are fatigued from overwork. One hundred forty-two men are held in reserve to replace absentees. An employee's wage is determined by the consent of the workers, who base their decisions on the productivity, technical skill, and degree of political indoctrination of the employee. There are eight pay grades ranging from JMW 300,000 to JMW 800,000 per month.
5. On 20 June 1952 the plant adopted the "Kawamov alkali transfer method" of refining steel. The percentage of waste has been reduced to two percent.

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